

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1407

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Pat Dishman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those employees of this State who have dedicated many years to serving the better interests of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Pat Dishman is one such individual who has served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the State of Tennessee for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, first joining the Department of Human Services in 1975 as a Social Counselor, Ms. Dishman was soon elevated to positions of greater responsibility, including those of Director of Foster Care Services, Director of Adoption Services, and Director of Field Consultation and Monitoring; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Pat Dishman was named as the Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and, soon thereafter, accepted the post of Director of Child Protective Services, a role in which she served until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dishman then worked with the Department of Health until 1996 and joined the Department of Finance and Administration in 1997, when she was hired to direct the Office of Criminal Justice Programs within the Division of Resource Development and Support. In this role, she has been responsible for the administration of up to five hundred grants each year and has coordinated a number of statewide efforts; and

WHEREAS, aside from her dedication to the State of Tennessee, Pat Dishman is also known for the depth of her compassion for all living things, as evidenced by her proclivity to adopt pets, particularly cats, and by her affinity for office flora; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to formally recognize this woman who has unreservedly dedicated so many years of unwavering excellence to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Pat Dishman for her many years of service as an employee of the State of Tennessee and offer our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.